CARES ACT REPORTING ON EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS TO STUDENTS

On March 27, 2020, the Federal government enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Pub L. No. 116-136, providing funds to institutions from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to make Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, including eligible expenses under s student's cost of attendance, such as food, course materials, technology, health care, and child care. The law requires institutions to report certain information related to the use of these funds. The following information is reported for the period, **July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.**

- I. This statement shall serve to acknowledge that our institution signed and returned to the US Department of Education the *Certification and Agreement Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students*. We further attest that our institution has used, and/or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- II. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Student is \$175,324
- III. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of September 30, 2021 is \$76,404.
- IV. The estimated total number of students at our institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 35.
- V. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to date is 31.
- VI. The following is the method used by our institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much each student has received/will receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
 - Students with exceptional need, such as PELL recipients, are prioritized. All other recipients are awarded aid in proportion to tuition in their respective program
- VII. The following instructions/directions/guidance was/will be provided by our institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

PROVIDE DESCRIPTION: See the next page

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IMPORTANT – Please Respond

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANT FUNDS Under the CARES ACT and CRRSAA ACT

Dear Ailey School Financial Aid Student,

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law. The CARES Act authorized the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund which provides emergency funding for student and institutions impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. On April 9, 2020 the US Secretary of Education announced that the student funding was being made available to institutions to award and disburse to students who have incurred expenses related to the disruption of school operations due to coronavirus, including eligible expenses under the student's Cost of Attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare. In addition, additional funds were provided to institutions under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).

The Ailey School is in the final phase of disbursing these funds. You have been identified eligible to receive a grant as a current Federal Financial Aid Student, a current student who has previously received Federal Financial Aid in a different program, or a Federal Financial Aid Student who deferred enrollment until fall 2021 and have indicated you are returning. In order for these emergency grants to be fairly and compliantly awarded, you must acknowledge below that the funds will be used to offset expenses incurred as part of your Cost of Attendance at the Ailey School.

Funds will be distributed electronically via ACH. Please return the attached ACH form fully completed no later than April 27, 2021. The amount of the grant is: \$XXX

You can access some FAQ's regarding these grants here: If you have any other questions, contact Caroline Yamada by email at cyamada@alvinailey.org

Thank you.

Tracy Inman, Co-Director